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A man shot at Silver City yesterday received two visits from injuries received two years ago. He was a long time making up his mind just what to do about it.

The charges preferred against Gov. Otto are to be heard and investigated at Washington before his name is again sent to the Senate for confirmation.

A San Juan county ranchman this year sold \$16 worth of onions to the Index dealers. This is pretty strong, but onions sometimes grow like mushrooms.

Capt. W. R. Gates, the Carrizo Project Rider, is said to be of opinion that Col. Morrison's official status would fit him nicely and he decided to make them.

Reining Quar of Pennsylvania will likely come to New Mexico for his health. It's a thousand wonders Quar hasn't gone somewhere else than the people chambers long before this.

The Chinese exclusion act expired May 1st, 1902 and the miners and mine workers of Pennsylvania are already petitioning congress to renew it or still better enact one even more stringent.

Albuquerque has a new football team. Albuquerque might have waited until after November 1st with the Las Vegas Normals. A new team will be quite popular for this village after October.

Silver City, N. M., synonymously received five carloads of groceries on one day last week. If a Silver City Moway should decide to feed that city on mumps for a spell, that merchant would be up against a fierce competitor system.

The Zuni Indians will give a seven days' dance at Shallow beginning December 6th. This is a cheerful little outfit of the Indians that annoys the pale face much less than some of their dances might have done a few days previous.

A Silver City, N. M., cowboy was killed at Naco, Arizona, while holding up a saloon, a roulette wheel and a few fixtures. Silver City's cowboys are not short on training. A mean-spirited officer took advantage of this one and got the drop on him while he was busy.

Major W. H. H. Llewellyn, district attorney in the lower country, is said by the El Paso News to be an applicant for the office of collector of customs in that city. He was a Rough Rider in the Cuban war and relies upon his associations with the president across the water to land him in the fast place.

A committee to assess damage on right-of-way meets at Cedar Hill, San Juan county, this week. Cedar Hill's only damage will be if the railroad right-of-way should fall to include that locality. Anyway, it is to be hoped Cedar Hill won't be contrary and shut out any of the greater rail-road systems from New Mexico. It wouldn't be graceful.

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MERIT VS. SPOILS.

The resignation of Collector Spain of Laramie was a victory for the civil service reformers. It has been proved that he has violated the civil service law, the committee on the national civil service reform league, of which Mr. Flourke was the head, having thoroughly investigated the case and brought out the facts. The pressure finally became so strong that Spain resigned, and his resignation was promptly accepted.

The president has just disregarded the recommendations of the organization in three states—Texas, Mississippi and Alabama. In none of these instances did the organization "condemn" measures up to the Roosevelt standard, as other men were chosen. It is said that in the Ft. Worth case the weight was twenty-eight pounds. There were twenty-three candidates for the postmastership at that place, one of the applicants having written fifty letters in his own behalf. The man finally appointed was strongly recommended by the Ft. Worth business men, and by many of the president's friends in whom he has confidence.

At Union Springs, Alabama, there was a fight between two factions of the republican organization. The president recommended neither, but promoted the assistant postmaster, and did it solely on his record. At Decatur, Ala., the daughter of the resigning postmaster, who was induced by the business men of the town, was appointed, although the state republican committee favored another candidate. The situation at Clarksville, Miss., was even more complicated. W. G. Cole was appointed postmaster about a month ago on the recommendation of the national commissioners from Illinois. At once there was protest, based on the charge that the appointment was of the carpetbag variety, Cole having lived in the town less than six months required for citizenship. The charge was true; so Cole gave way to a new man who had been postmaster under the Harrison administration. On top of it all comes the announcement of the removal of Moses Dillon, collector of customs at El Paso, Texas, charged of violating the civil service laws. He was brought against Mr. Dillon last spring by the national civil service reformers. He was accused of having been instrumental in furnishing questions in a civil service examination in advance to candidates for appointment to places under himself, and also of having received contributions for campaign purposes. Let the good work go on!

THE MESSAGE ON IRRIGATION.

It is said that President Roosevelt will in his message to congress recommend that legislation be enacted to aid the western states in their efforts to reclaim the arid lands. This question of national aid to irrigation has been before congress for several years, and the senators from the mountain states have sought to have legislation for irrigation legislation, but they have been overwhelmingly defeated, though Senator Carter defeated the river and harbor bill by taking it to death on the last day of the fifty-sixth congress because he could secure no recognition for irrigation, and two years ago senator Warren of Wyoming threatened to do the same thing in the closing days of the fifty-eighth congress. Warren was persuaded to cut his speech short after he had talked five or six hours, because there were other important bills back which would have made necessary an extra session. If he had failed,

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resignation of the collector of the various counties in the Territory. On the other hand, if the decision in this important case dissolves the legislature then the assessment rolls of the different counties made by competent assessors, thoroughly compare with the properties and values are practically of no value whatever and the people are wasting their money paying them.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Captain Mr. and Mrs. Heslop. The contracting parties were Miss Anna Heslop and John Sharp, just returned from a trip.

Mr. Fletcher of Boston, daughter of Col. Williams, has been visiting relatives in Santa Fe.

A Washington correspondent of the Associated Press, who has been investigating the case of Col. Muller, has just returned from a trip.

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